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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office action dated September 14, 2004, the Examiner indicated that dependent claims 20-29 and 36 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and rejected all other claims. In this response, Applicants amend claims 1, 6-7, 15, 21-24, 33, 35, and 38 and cancel claims 3-5, 10-14, 20, 30-32, and 36.

The Examiner specifically referred to the "validity logic" of claim 20 as being at least one feature not found in the art of record. Merely to expedite issuance of the present case, Applicants opt to amend claim 1 to include limitations from allowable claim 20 (now canceled). Various other claims have been canceled and amended to maintain consistency with the amendments to claim 1 and cancellation of claim 20. Similarly, independent claim 33 has been amended to include limitations from allowable dependent claim 36. Based at least on the Examiner's own reasons for concluding claims 20-29 and 36 are allowable, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now allowable. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicants do not dedicate any unclaimed subject matter to the public and may file a continuation application to prosecute additional claims at a future date.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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